

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 60

To amend Title VII of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs relating to the education of individuals as health professionals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Physical and Occupa-
5 tional Therapy Education Assistance Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.**

2 Subpart II of part D of title VII of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294d et seq.) is amended by adding
4 at the end thereof the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 768. PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THER-**
6 **APY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
8 to, and enter into contracts with, programs of physical
9 therapy and occupational therapy for the purpose of plan-
10 ning and implementing projects for the recruitment, train-
11 ing and retention of physical and occupational therapy
12 practitioners in approved programs that provide financial
13 assistance in the form of traineeships to students who par-
14 ticipate in such projects.

15 “(b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
16 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-
17 erence to qualified applicants that provide training in ei-
18 ther physical or occupational therapy programs in rural
19 or urban medically underserved communities, or that ex-
20 pand post-baccalaureate programs for the advanced train-
21 ing of physical or occupational therapy practitioners.

22 “(c) PEER REVIEW.—Each peer review group estab-
23 lished under section 798(a) that reviews proposals for
24 grants or contracts under subsection (a) shall include no
25 fewer than 2, and no more than 3, physical or occupational
26 therapists.

1 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pre-
3 pare a report that—

4 “(A) summarizes the applications submit-
5 ted to the Secretary for grants or contracts
6 under subsection (a);

7 “(B) specifies the identity of entities re-
8 ceiving the grants or contracts; and

9 “(C) evaluates the effectiveness of the pro-
10 gram based upon the objectives established by
11 the entities receiving the grants or contracts.

12 “(2) DATE CERTAIN FOR SUBMISSION.—Not
13 later than February 1, 1999, the Secretary shall
14 complete the report required in paragraph (1) and
15 submit the report to the Committee on Commerce of
16 the House of Representatives, the Committee of Ap-
17 propriations of the House of Representatives, the
18 Committee of Labor and Human Resources of the
19 Senate, and the Committee of Appropriations of the
20 Senate.

21 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
22 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
23 to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
24 1996 through 1998.”.

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